

If I Were a Blackbird

1. I I were a young girl, my age was six - - teen, I _____ fell in
love with some ra - kish young man, My friends _____ slight me be -
cause he were poor, He's my ain bon - ny lad that I'll ne-ver see no more.

2. If I were a black - bird I'd whis-tle and sing, I'd fol - low the
ship that my true love sails in, There on the top rig - ging I'd there build my
nest, I would lay my brown hair on his li - ly white breast.

3. If I was a scho - lar I'd han-dle my pen, Some love let-ters to
my love I'd send. And in case I should meet him I'd crown him with
joy, And kiss the fair cheeks of my bold I - - rish boy.

4. I've searched in the high - land, I've searched eve - ry - where, I've searched in the
low - land, I couldn't find him there. He may cast his eye on in
some fo - reign shore, He's me ain bon - ny lad that I'll ne-ver see no more.

3. If I was a scholar I'd handle my pen,
Some love letters to my love I'd send.
And in case I should meet him I'd crown him with joy,
And kiss the fair cheeks of my bold Irish boy.

4. I've searched in the highland, I've searched everywhere
I've searched in the lowland, I couldn't find him there.
He may cast his eye on in some foreign shore,
He's me ain bonny lad that I'll never see no more.

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Notes: Verse 3 is sung to the tune of verse 2.

Verse 4 is sung to the tune of verse 1.

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